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SUBJECT: RESOURCES FOR AGRICULTURE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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1. AS INDICATED REFTEL MEXICO MEETING OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC) RECOMMENDED STUDY OF INTERNAL RESOURCE FLOWS TO AGRICULTURE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FAO HAS BEGUN STUDY ALONG THESE LINES.

2. J.A. MOLLET,SENIOR ECONOMIST OF POLICY ANALYSIS DIVISION OF FAO HAS BEGUN WORK ON RESOURCE FLOWS FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN SELECTED COUNTRIES. STUDY DOES NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN ACTUAL POLICY QUESTIONS, RATHER IT IS STATISTICAL STUDY WHICH ATTEMPTS TO MEASURE CAPITAL FLOWS INTO AGRICULTURE IN VERY GENERAL TERMS AND RELATE THEM TO GROWTH IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. TO HIGHLIGHT NEED FOR ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO BE DEVOTED TO

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AGRICULTURE, MOLLET IN VERY PRELIMINARY STUDY HAD COMPARED SELECTED LDC COUNTRIES WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

3. FODAG HAS OBTAINED COPY OF MOLLETS PRELIMINARY STUDY WHICH HE EMPHASIZES IS ONLY FIRST STEP. TO DATE HIS STUDY DOES NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN INTERNAL

AND EXTERNAL RESOURCES DEVOTED TO AGRICULTURE. COPIES OF REPORT BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY TO KRIESBERG, BYRNES, AND SALES. FODAG NOTES SOME OF TABLES VERY ROUGH BUT HOPES THEY WILL BE USEFUL.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH MOLLET HE INDICATED THAT FAO IS GOING TO EXPAND THIS WORK TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL RESOURCES DEVOTED TO AGRICULTURE. HE ASKED IF USDA AND AID COULD GIVE ANY ASSISTANCE TO THIS STUDY, IF PERHAPS THROUGH THIER FIELD CONTACTS THEY MIGHT BE ALBE TO PROVIDE DATA AND OTHER INPUT. FODAG INDICATED REQUEST WOULD BE PASSED TO WASHINGTON WITH STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT AID USDA PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE THEY CAN.

5. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROJECT, WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SENDING TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO CONSULT WITH MOLLET OR INVITING MOLLET TO WASHINGTON IF DEEMED DESIRABLE. FODAG COULD POINT OUT NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH FAO. CERTAINLY SOME LEAD TIME WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

6. MOLLET POINTED OUT PRESENT STUDY IS ACTUALLY CONTINUATION OF JOINT USDA FAO EFFORT ON CHANGES IN AGRUCILTURE IN TWENTY-SIX DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BETWEEN 1948 AND 1963. STUDY CONTAINS CHAPTER ON CAPITAL AND CREDIT RELATNG TO FARMS. REPORT PUBLISHED AS FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONOMIC REPORT NO. 27 (ERS/USDA 1965). COPY OF CHAPTER BEING POUCHED WITH OTHER MATERIAL.

7. FODAG REQUESTS WASHINGTON REACTION TO SUGGESTION OF U.S. ASSISTANCE IN FAO STUDY. GARDNER

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